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1. Introduction to our COVID-19 & Accessibility Checklists & Resource Guide

Thank you for being here!

This is an ever-growing resource housed by Celebrate845 but created in collaboration with community members- locally and worldwide. As we centered our work through the lens of intersectionality, we became unable to move forward with events and offerings that did not include access and safety measures that were built in from the start. We are extremely grateful to those who have taught us, been patient with us, and continue to educate us - especially those who are most impacted by ableism, lack of access, and other systems of harm. We are thrilled to move forward more informed and in community.

Note that we have grouped both COVID safety and venue/event accessibility into this one document. These are inextricably tied and something we are honored to not ignore.

We share this resource proudly and hope that it is utilized by individuals, organizations, businesses, workers, planners, and more. We hope to see more people model care and step into their own power by choosing to keep one another safe as well as themselves. We also invite impacted folks to lead this work, either through us or in your arenas of organization. This resource exists publicly and is free to access. It is a work in progress and is informed by community members. If you have feedback or contributions, or if you feel called to send support, please visit www.celebrate845.com/contact

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2. Very awesome readings, resources, guidelines, etc.

New to the conversation? Or looking for updated resources? How lucky are we to have access to so many awesome texts? Broken down into categories.

*Looking for something that isn't listed? It might be farther along in another section of this document! If not, let us know.

Accessibility tools

- Ableism/Language
- Creating Accessible Social Media Content – GAAD Toolkit by Disability:IN: how to make your social media more accessible
- Principles of Disability Justice by Sins Invalid

COVID tools

- a long winter crip survival guide for pandemic year 4/forever by Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha and Tina "constant tt" Zavitsanos: a beautiful conversation about safer ways to be together, especially during colder months when outdoors is harder
- Advocacy Toolkit for College Students by COVID Safe Campus
- Clean Air Club: an inspirational model for how to ensure accessible and cleaner air for performing artists and attendees.
    - My COVID+ Plan: a GREAT guide to *plan ahead* in case you get COVID and what to do if you get it. Includes free/low cost resources.
- COVID-19 Resources: The People's Hub: an online hub for movement workers to learn, connect, collaborate, and strategize - in and across the disability justice and solidarity economy movements
- COVID Advocacy Groups Directory in US and Canada by COVID Advocacy Initiative: a list of national resources and organizations
- COVID Action Map: a map showing worldwide efforts and resources. Great to use if you're traveling, if someone non-local is looking for resources, etc.
- COVID Risk Assessment Checklist: a jumping off point for conversations about COVID and evaluating risk

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- Covid-Safer Sex Work Harm reduction for in-person workers during an ongoing pandemic
- COVID Worker Rights & Protections: a letter to send employers to make your job safer according to OSHA (Occupational Safety & Health Admin) worker's rights
- DIY Emergency Handwashing Station guide by Indigenous Action
- Harm Reduction in the Era of COVID-19 from Canada's McGill University
- How to Talk To Your Loved Ones About COVID: a GREAT guide on how to respond when folks are feeling resistant to paying attention to COVID or coming at you with conservative talking points
    - Navigating Common Misconceptions
- Long COVID under Section 504 and the IDEA: A Resource to Support Children, Students, Educators, Schools, Service Providers, and Families via Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- Mar's 2023 Pandemical Survival Guide: AKA how to (try to) survive a pandemic that capitalism wants you to ignore
- National Data & Forecasting via Pandemic Mitigation Collaborative
- New York State Wastewater Surveillance Network: since COVID reporting has basically ended (thanks, USA), wastewater is how we can see how much COVID is really going around! Type in your zip code to get the scoop on numbers in your area.
- Nurses' Guide to Improving Indoor Air Quality in Health Care by National Nurses United
- Pandemic Solidarity For the Long Future: a Black, Brown, Indigenous, Asian, and Pacific Islander-led initiative for kin who still give a f*ck
    - 10 Actions for Pandemic Solidarity guide
- The People's CDC: a coalition of public health practitioners, scientists, healthcare workers, educators, advocates and people from all walks of life working to reduce the harmful impacts of COVID-19. The People's CDC is volunteer-run and independent of partisan political and corporate interests and includes anonymous local health departments and other government employees.
    - Weather Reports**:** click to view what the numbers REALLY are using wastewater data across the nation.
    - See You Safer tool kit**:** a guide to making hanging out (and conversations around doing so) easier.

    - **What to do if you have COVID:** a GREAT guide to plan ahead in case you get COVID and what to do if you get it. Includes free/low cost resources.
- **The People's PPE:** a youth-led movement to provide FREE PPE! Get some!
- **Practicing Inclusion in the Time of COVID** by Strategies for High Impact and What Would an HIV Doula Do?

Theory

- **Abled-Bodied Leftists Cannot Abandon Disabled Solidarity to "Move On" From COVID** by Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha
- **Climate Crisis Makes Us Recognize Our Limits; Disability Culture Can Show Us How** by Truthout
- **Death Panel** podcast: a twice weekly podcast about the political economy of health
- **Falling by the Wayside** by Estelle Ellison aka @Abolish_Time
- **Health Communism** by Beatrice Adler-Bolton and Artie Vierkant
- **Make Hope** by COVID Underground
- **Year of the Tiger** by Alice Wong: a memoir in essays offers a glimpse into an activist's journey to finding and cultivating community and the continued fight for disability justice
- **You Are Not Entitled To Our Deaths: COVID, Abled Supremacy & Interdependence** by Mia Mingus

Zines

- **An Artists' Guide to not Being Complicit with COVID-19 in the Hudson Valley** by Celebrate845 (that's us!): this small 1-page zine is available for free to download, print, and distribute. A great primer for folks who may not think about the relationships between individual creative practice and keeping the collective as safe as possible.
- **COVID is a Labor Issue** by Rimona Eskayo
- **Mask Up, We Need You: Palestinian Solidarity, COVID-19, and the Struggle for Liberation** by Sheyam Ghieth and Rimona Eskayo
- **Shame Free COVID-19 Guides** by WhatExactlyIsUpChuck
- **What's Up With COVID and How to Protect Yourself: 2024 Edition** © 2024 by Hazel Newlevant

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- **Zine Library** by Mask Up Morris

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3. COVID Safety Checklist for Events

This resource is meant to be a starting point and will ideally be ever-growing to accommodate as many people as possible while prioritizing the well-being of those most at-risk by systems of harm. *Note: providing a photo or video of the space upfront is a helpful way to paint the picture of what folks are stepping into.*

COVID Safety: what are the protocols at your event? How will they be enforced? Paint as clear a picture as possible! New York State has fluctuating recommendations (& even THEY now recommend methods such as masking). This checklist focuses on incorporating safety protocols during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and is mindful of airborne illness. Please list protocols upfront clearly so attendees can make an informed and consensual decision centered around their own safety needs. If there are none, please say so in advertising.

*Protocols with *'s are what we believe to be the most safe.*

1. *Masks required at all times: please describe how this will be enforced
    a. Note the language choice of "required" rather than "encouraged", as the language of encouraged doesn't actually materially mean anything. Masks are either required or not required. We vote for the former!
    b. Please also note the cognitive dissonance that occurs when masks are required indoors but there is also food available. It is important to pick one or the other in our opinion. Require masks, and ditch the food or keep it all outdoors.
2. *6 feet or more of distance required/expected at all times (unless there is a clear way to gauge consent). Note if this is possible within the space and how you intend to enforce.
3. *Outdoor event
4. Indoor event
5. *Food and drink not allowed indoors
6. Food and drink allowed indoors (meaning masks off): describe where food and drink are allowed- are there designated areas?.
    a. If you feel like you must have food indoors, consider asking folks to please leave masks on and only pull them down quickly to eat or drink. Ideally, masks are

required at all times indoors. If there is any outdoor space available, food should be consumed outdoors only. Pulling masks down is a risk and attendees need to know ahead of time if this is to be expected.

7. *Food and drink available outdoors only: describe the area and be sure to label it clearly
8. *Maximum capacity of people: please name and describe how this will be enforced
9. *Masks available for free or for purchase/donation
10. *Sanitization stations: describe these
11. *Air ventilation: describe - will there be windows open, doors open, etc?
12. *Air filtration/purification systems on site: please describe
13. *Testing is required for entry
    a. This can feel hard, and rapid tests are becoming less and less reliable, but this precaution is still helpful. Teach folks how to use rapid tests most efficiently by reading on below, and consider asking folks to test up the day before AND the day of an event. Asking folks to send photos of test results is great too!
    b. If you'd like to "hire" us to administer rapid tests at the door at your event, we'd be happy to do so!
14. None of the above
15. Other:

This information should be provided from the start and as far in advance as possible- not the day or week of- so that attendees can make an informed decision around attending. Organizers should also be prepared to enthusiastically model all protocols in the name of care! People are typically very happy to support and attend something that prioritizes their well being :)

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4. Accessibility Checklist for Events

This resource is meant to be a starting point and will ideally be ever-growing to accommodate as many people as possible while prioritizing the well-being of those most at-risk by systems of harm. A reminder that ADA-compliance isn't always enough- just because it's the bare minimum doesn't mean a person will feel welcomed or comfortable. *Note: providing a photo of the space is a helpful way to paint the picture of what folks are stepping into!*

Before you promote a finalized event, consider asking your community what their access needs are! Leaving space for people to name their needs from the START of the PLANNING process helps to prevent having to backtrack, prevents lack of accommodation, makes your offering more inclusive, and shows your community that you care.

Accessibility: is your event accessible to varied bodies and abilities? Please list any available accommodations and be as detailed as possible. Here is a link with examples and information.

1. ADA compliant venue / wheelchair accessible venue with things like ramp, elevator, chairlift available: describe accommodations. Where are they, what are they.
    a. All venues should have a webpage describing this stuff. If they don't, consider asking them to make one! If they feel like they need help, refer us to them!
2. Accessible parking spaces (how many), or how far is parking from entry.
    a. Visual maps of parking options are very helpful. Label what is free, what is metered, what costs money, etc.
3. Reserved seating areas
4. Low light or low noise area available
5. Flashing lights expected (describe)
6. Breastfeeding area
7. Public transportation available or transportation provided
8. Childcare available
9. Non-English / visual / audio translation: please describe
10. Gluten free / vegan / vegetarian / allergy-friendly food options: please describe
11. Service animals welcome
12. Bathrooms (accessible, gender neutral, changing tables)

13. Are there stairs?
14. Are there places to sit? Describe. Or can folks bring chairs?
15. Is there heating/cooling?
16. Seating options: wide seating, no arm rests, etc.
17. Will there be a marching or movement component? Please describe, or provide contact info if sharing this information is sensitive (i.e. if a protest march route is being kept secret for security reasons, provide a way for folks who need this info to reach out safely)
18. Scent-free spaces: some people are highly allergic to scents. Are you asking attendees to avoid heavy scents?
19. Virtual event: what platform, how to join
    a. Have folks agree to keep cameras steady
    b. Is video participation required? Is chat required or audio participation?
    c. Ask folks to introduce themselves everytime before they speak (i.e. “This is Dustin”) for folks who may not be looking at the screen.
20. None of the above
21. Other:

This information should be provided from the start and as far in advance as possible- not the day or week of- so that attendees can make an informed decision around attending.

Another important note is that if your event is going to have a component such as a march or a movement to a secondary location and you don’t want to reveal the route due to safety concerns (such as having the police know your plans), there are ways to accommodate still. See our example event flyers below for language.

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5. Accessible Event Promotion & Design

Make your promotions accessible too! We used this amazing resource to create this checklist. Click this link for deeper information and tutorials around each checkpoint.

1. Add Alt Text to all posts containing an image
2. Be sure to include Image Descriptions where applicable
    a. Here is a free “image to text” tool for converting an image of text into text that can be copied and used. We like to put IDs in the comments of posts.
3. Include captions on all video content
4. Avoid using strobing, flashing or “Slam” transitions in videos
5. Use Camel/Pascal Case Hashtags: capitalize each word within a hashtag (#ThatMeansLikeThis #insteadoflikethis)
6. Limit the use of emojis
7. Learn about accessible fonts here
8. Make sure you flyers are colorblind-friendly using this simulator
9. Accessible color palette generator
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6. COVID Safety Practices for Individuals

There are so many ways that you can keep yourself and your community safe! Any practices are better than none. None are perfect on their own. Use that “Swiss cheese” method (the more safety steps you take, the less likely the COVID will get in!). The goal is to limit viral load, aka keep as many particles out as possible. Each precaution helps.

1. **Masking**
    a. Masks work! Here are some images of some of the most and least effective types of face masks. N95s are best. KN95s and KF94s are second best. Blue surgical masks / cloth masks don’t do much at all. Make sure that your mask forms a tight “seal” on your face. No air should be escaping by your nose, under your chin, etc.
    b. Need free masks? Ask The People’s PPE! Or ask us. Or use the COVID Action Map (in the COVID Tools section above).
2. **Nasal spray**
    a. Here is information on the effectiveness of using nasal spray to prevent COVID.
    b. Here are some suggestions of types of effective nasal sprays.
    c. Some folks say that nose spray doesn’t do much. From what we’ve read, it helps keep pathways clear and not inflamed or dry, which may help our bodies work less hard and better equipped to protect us from illness.
3. **CPC Mouthwash**
    a. Here is information on the effectiveness of using mouthwash to prevent COVID.
    b. Look for the ingredient “cetylpyridinium chloride (CPC)” with a percentage of .05%, .07%, or more to lessen viral loads. You can buy something like Crest Pro Health, or a store-brand knock off for ~$3/bottle!
4. **Nasal rinse** (neti pot)
    a. Here is information on the effectiveness of using a nasal rinse to prevent COVID.
    b. You can get a neti pot at most pharmacies. It’s usually a small teapot with saline solution packets.
5. **Vaccines & boosters** if you are able to receive them
    a. Most CVS and Walgreens provide free vaccines and boosters. Call to book an appointment!

   b. Get the Novavax if you can (2024)! This is not a booster but is actually the latest vaccine that helps fight the newer variants.

6. **Air purification** *(points c-e are all via Clean Air Club)*
   a. Build your own DIY air purifier: usually cheaper than buying!
   b. Air purifier reviews here
   c. When selecting which purifiers to use in a particular venue, calculate what's known as the "air changes per hour" (ACH). ACH measures the rate at which the entire volume of air in a space is entirely replaced or entirely cleaned. The higher the ACH, the less likely airborne pathogens will stick around in the air for very long.
   d. According to ASHRAE, it is now recommended to aim for much higher than 6 ACH in most public venues.
   e. Countless studies show that the use of air purifiers in indoor spaces can dramatically reduce the concentration of airborne pathogens, including Covid, especially when layered with existing ventilation. In some cases, airborne Covid in the room is reduced by 90% through the strategic placement and use of well-chosen filters. This is one of the easiest interventions we can make in our arts spaces to make everyone covid-safer!
7. **Far UVC light** *(info via UV-Can)*: Far UV cannot penetrate the active layer of human skin and is adsorbed by the top layer of dead skin cells. The eyes' tear layer works to block Far UV, protecting them. This means that Far UV can disinfect air and surfaces even while people are present.
   a. Spaces can get larger UV lights to install in their spaces, portable large lights for events, and portable small lights for travel.
8. **Ventilation:** open a window or door! Or just be outside! Making sure that air can leave and enter is extremely helpful.
9. **Testing:** see the section below about rapid testing.

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7. Free & low-cost tests, masks, & other tools

A big reason why our nation and its municipalities “ended the COVID emergency” was so they wouldn’t have to foot the bill when it comes to funding the tools that keep us safe. We have the power to demand that they provide us with these tools. Until then, here are ways to access them for free or at a low cost.

Please let us know if you know of others not listed! And if you have access to surplus supplies, consider giving them to us to distribute.

1. **FREE rapid tests:** we at Celebrate845 are currently offering FREE rapid tests that we got via the HHS bulk program (detailed further down on this list if you wish to get your own)! Our current offering as of January 2025 are tests that expire March 31, 2025. 2 tests per box. These work well when you swab the throat, cheek, and nose. Contact us to order.
2. **Build your own DIY air purifier:** usually cheaper than buying!
3. **CDC ICATT program:** provides FREE COVID testing for people without insurance. Use the map to find one nearest you.
4. **COVIDTests.gov:** sometimes the government gives away FREE tests!
5. **CPC mouthwash** can be bought in bulk at places like Sam’s Club or Costco etc (a pack of 3 large name brand bottles costs about $9 aka $3/bottle). There are also store brands that cost about the same ~$3 per bottle (ShopRite, Hannaford, etc).
6. **FREE rapid TESTS:** the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) currently has a program that provides free rapid covid tests in bulk to groups doing community work. You do not need to be a 501c3 to participate. The process works as follows:
    a. Email tdx@hhs.gov with a brief description of your group and ask to participate in the covid test program
    b. They will reply back with an order form (it can take a couple weeks for a reply)
    c. The order form asks for delivery contact info and how many tests you want with no upper limit
    d. Shipment takes 2-3 weeks and the minimum is 300 tests. Go in with friends or let us know if you’d like to go in with us!

7. **GoodRx:** potential discounts on prescription medications.
8. **Libraries, city hall buildings, and the offices of senators/city officials** may have PPE and tests to give residents for FREE. Ask them (and let us know how it goes)!
    a. We asked Senator Michelle Hinchey in 2023 (via the contact form at the bottom of this page) and got a bunch of free tests to distribute! We have not been able to reach her again since.
    b. We started a program to have Free Mask Hubs at local libraries! Click here to see what libraries are participating!
9. **Low cost MASKS & resources**: an archive to buy single masks/smaller bulk sizes that includes size info.
10. **Masks > FREE donation programs:** The following companies have formal mask donation programs. If you are a 501c3, make sure to mention your nonprofit status and a brief description of your org. If you are not a 501c3, finding a friendly one to partner with will increase your chances of getting large donations. After they offer masks, asking about their repeat donation policy may get you a larger offer.
    a. Bonafide Masks: info@bonafidemasks.com (will give more to 501c3s)
    b. BeHealthyUSA: info@behealthyusa.net
    c. Wellbefore: support@wellbefore.com (requires 501c3)
    d. Planet Halo Health: support@planethalo.com (when we tried this source, they said they exhausted their donation resources, but could offer half priced masks)
11. **Medicaid** continues to cover 8 at-home rapid tests per month, as well as lab testing through Sep. 30, 2024.
12. **People's PPE:** a youth-led movement to provide free PPE! Get free masks!
13. **Purifier discounts by state**
14. **Test2Treat.org:** register and receive 6 free at-home tests by mail. Also gives access to a telehealth appointment and to a prescription treatment if you test positive.

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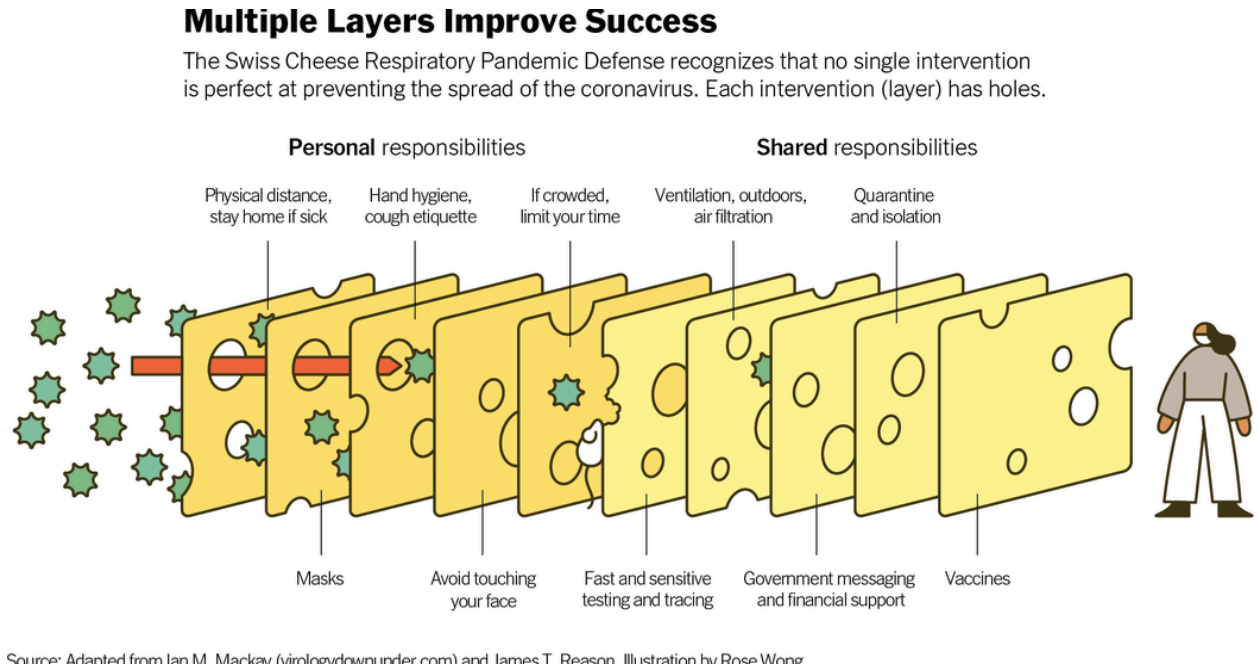
8. Quickie guide to gathering COVID safer


Multiple Layers Improve Success
The Swiss Cheese Respiratory Pandemic Defense recognizes that no single intervention is perfect at preventing the spread of the coronavirus. Each intervention (layer) has holes.
Personal responsibilities
Shared responsibilities
Physical distance, stay home if sick
Hand hygiene, cough etiquette
If crowded, limit your time
Ventilation, outdoors, air filtration
Quarantine and isolation
Masks
Avoid touching your face
Fast and sensitive testing and tracing
Government messaging and financial support
Vaccines
Source: Adapted from Ian M. Mackay (virologydownunder.com) and James T. Reason. Illustration by Rose Wong

The more measures you can take, the better! We'd even add some extra personal responsibilities, such as using CPC mouthwash & nasal spray.

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9. How to rapid test

As COVID continues to mutate and new variants form, we need to be wary of rapid tests that were created to detect earlier variants. Rapid tests were never perfect, and in order for them to be as effective as possible we need to know how to use them as effectively as possible!

Rapid test **positives** are on average 99% reliable. This is excellent. (Clebak et. al., “Accuracy of Point-of-Care Rapid Antigen Tests for Diagnosis of COVID-19” Am Fam Physician (2023) 107:4.)

Rapid test **negatives** are historically only 69% reliable. With current variants, their reliability can drop to 27%. For perspective, this means you’re better off flipping a coin. Yikes. (Venekamp et al., “Diagnostic accuracy of SARS-CoV-2 rapid antigen self-tests in asymptomatic individuals in the omicron period,” Clinical Microbiology and Infection (2023) 29:3)

1. **When to test:** according to your access to tests, test after all known exposures and at ANY new symptom onset. Since COVID can also spread asymptomatically, you can test 3, 4, and 5 days after riskier behaviors to ensure you aren’t accidentally positive and unknowingly spreading.
2. **Prepare yourself:** do not eat, drink, or smoke for at least 30 minutes before testing. Wash your hands thoroughly and use a clean surface for testing materials. Blow your nose and clear your throat before testing.
3. **How to do it:** some tests can be more efficient when you swab your mouth AND nose. Inteliswab tests are NOSE SWAB ONLY. iHealth tests can be throat, cheek, and nose. For these, swab bilaterally in this order:
    a. Between inner cheeks and lower gums
    b. Back of your throat/tonsils
    c. As far back on your tongue as you are able
    d. As far as you are able up your nose
    e. Rotate the swab 3+ times and let it sit for a few seconds in each spot
    f. Immediately place the swab in the tube after taking samples / follow the instructions on the test to completion

   g. Click here to watch a video of someone using a rapid test!
4. **Take more than 1:** take at least 2 if you can to help get an accurate result in case of a false negative. Ideally, test 2 days before a function, 1 day before, and then the day of.

10. Example event flyers

Here are some examples of what event promotion can look like that includes information around COVID protocols and venue accessibility!

UPSTATE SOLIDARITY
Building Bridges from New York to Palestine
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3RD 2PM-6PM
Register: link in @angryasianwomxn bio
Location: few miles outside downtown New Paltz

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UPSTATE SOLIDARITY

Accessibility information for the venue (exact address will be sent after RSVP)

- This event is taking place in the private home of a community member. It is not ADA compliant. There are 2 steps to enter the home. The event will take place on the ground floor of the home.
- Masks are required indoors & will be provided for free. There is space outdoors to eat & drink. There will be 2 HEPA air purifiers running indoors.
- There is room for a wheelchair or mobility aid to navigate within the home. If you would utilize a ramp to enter & exit, please note this in the RSVP form.
- Parking: there is a medium sized driveway that can fit about 12 cars. Please do your best to carpool! No direct public transportation.
- There will be spaces with soft light & low noise available.
- There is space to breastfeed. This event is child friendly, but no child should be left unaccompanied. Child care not provided.
- Service animals are welcomed.
- There is 1 gender neutral bathroom (not ADA compliant).
- Food & drink will be available. GF and vegan options. If you have any allergies, please note on the RSVP form.

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End the Genocide! End the Occupation! End Apartheid!
BEACON!
FREE PALESTINE!
CEASE FIRE NOW!
Sundays | 12:00 - 3:00PM | Polhill Park (Main Street & South Ave) Beacon NY

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ACCESSIBILITY

- Gathering at Polhill Park at the intersection of Main St & South Ave in Beacon NY (by Bank Square Coffeehouse)
- Free street parking on nearby side streets such as Commerce St, Cliff St, and Cross St.
- The park is small, made up of brick sidewalks with short grass, benches & trees between 9D & South Ave.
- Public restroom at park and inside of Bank Square Coffeehouse. Both have steps to enter.

SAFETY

- Please mask up! Free masks will be available on site.
- Be prepared for weather/temperatures of that day. Please look for updates during inclement weather.

WE KEEP US SAFE

It is our legal right to gather. We will not tolerate hate of any kind.

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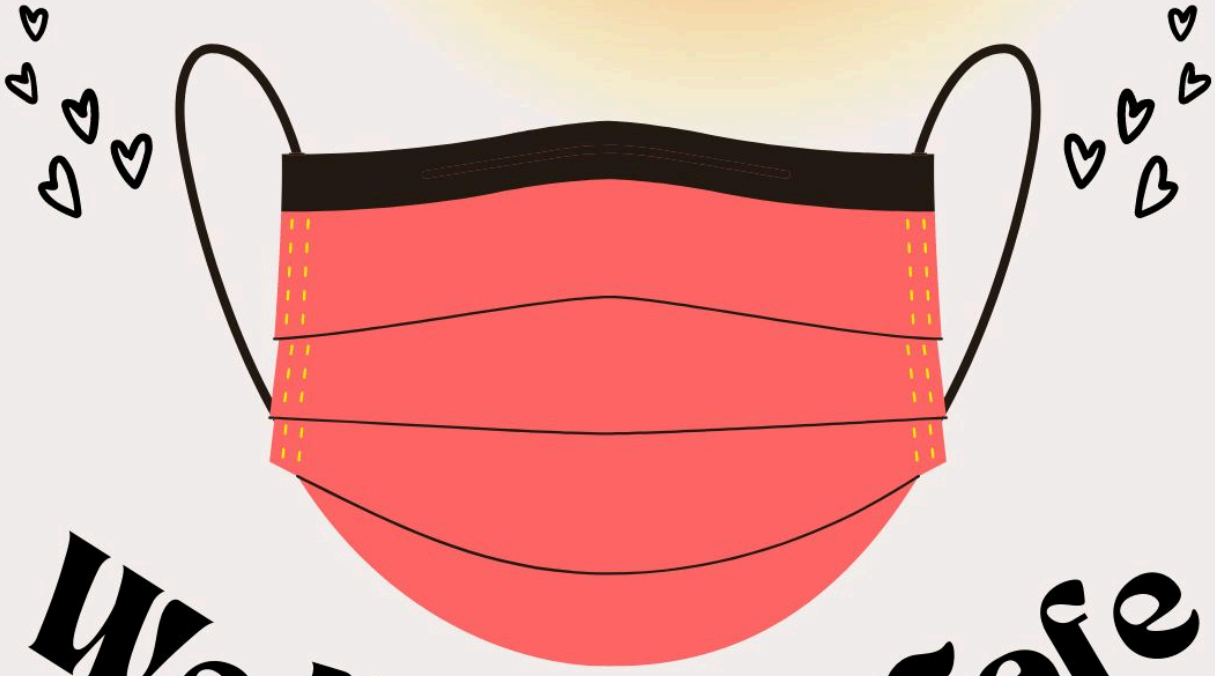

We Keep Us Safe

a Hudson Valley community COVID conversation

Sunday, June 25 at 5:30PM

at Downing Park

123 Carpenter Ave, Newburgh NY

Also offering Zoom participation! Register at www.celebrate845.com/links

Questions? DM us or email celebrate845@gmail.com

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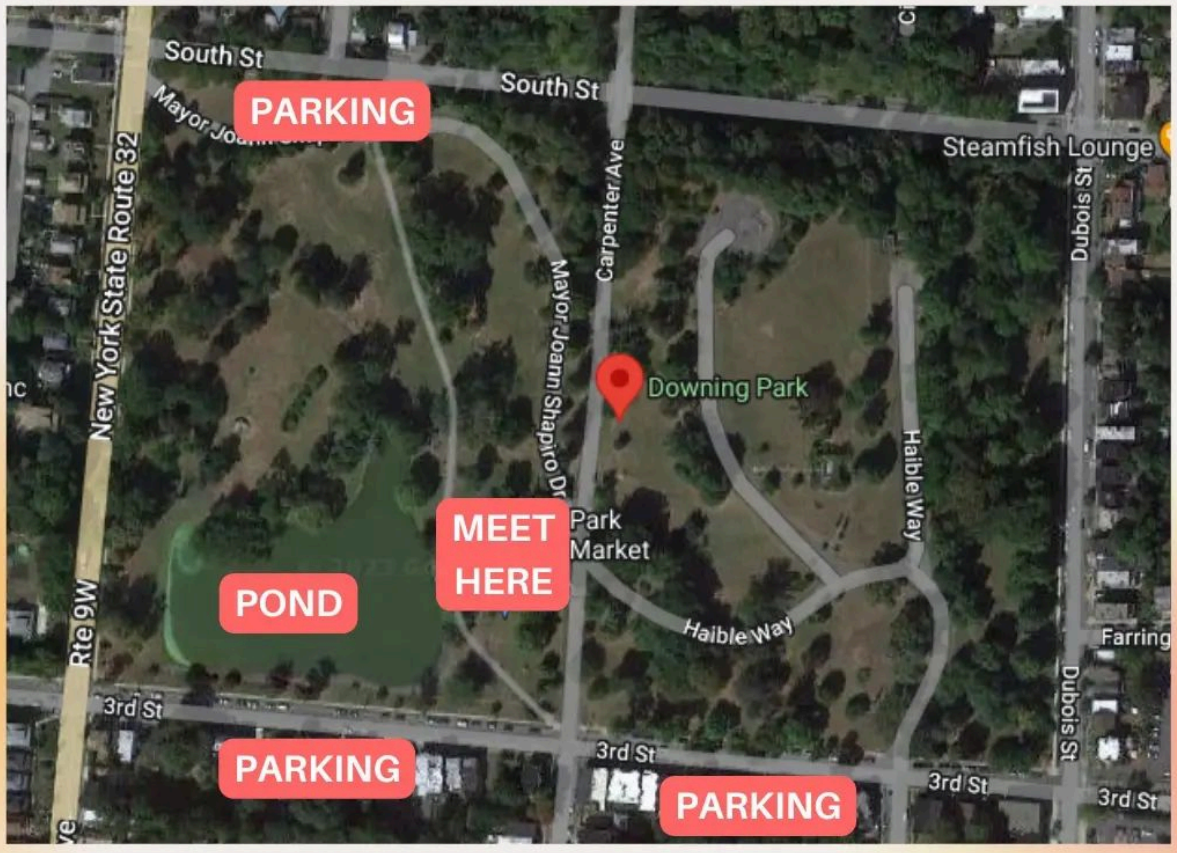
In-Person Accessibility

There are paved pathways throughout the park and mowed, grassy areas of various inclines. We will meet near the round rocky building that is clearly visible from Carpenter Road and from 3rd Street, near the pond. Look for the Celebrate845 banner! There is free street parking on 3rd St & South St.



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COVID Protocols

In the spirit of collective safety, please wear a K/N95 face mask throughout the event (water and snack breaks permitted if distanced from others).
We will be giving away FREE black KN95 masks to all attendees (thanks to People's PPE)!

Virtual Accessibility

We will be offering a Zoom option for remote participation. This will inclue the option to listen and engage via a monitored chat. Must register in advance at www.celebrate845.com/links

Expectations

We ask that no matter how you choose to participate, please keep this space safe, sacred, and respectful. Behaviors deemed questionable or hateful will no be tolerated, virtually or in-person. No haters allowed! To each their own.

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SAFETY & ACCESSIBILITY

Where: we will gather at West Capitol Park (82 Washington Ave, Albany, NY 12210). This is a fully outdoor gathering! Dress for the weather. Service animals & children are welcomed & should always be attended to.

Hybrid: there will be a live stream via the @SUNYBDS Instagram account.

Noise: there will be primarily English speakers, chanting & instrumentals. We will be near the roads so there may also be honking. Likely no flashing lights as it will be day time.

Time: the action will start at 1:00PM & last ~3 hours. Vegan food provided. BYO snack & drink.

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Restrooms: the Capital Building (adjacent to the park) has “men's & women's” rooms with stalls. You have to go through a security/metal detector to get into building. The Plaza Concourse has free bathrooms including accessible stalls.

Masks: not required outdoors but provided for free for safety, security, and solidarity!

Public transportation: CDTA Buses will be running as scheduled with Routes 12, 111, 905 & 910 stopping near the park. Trailways buses going to Albany are about a ~15 minute walk from the park. There is a free bus stopping in NYC, New Paltz & Purchase (RSVP required).

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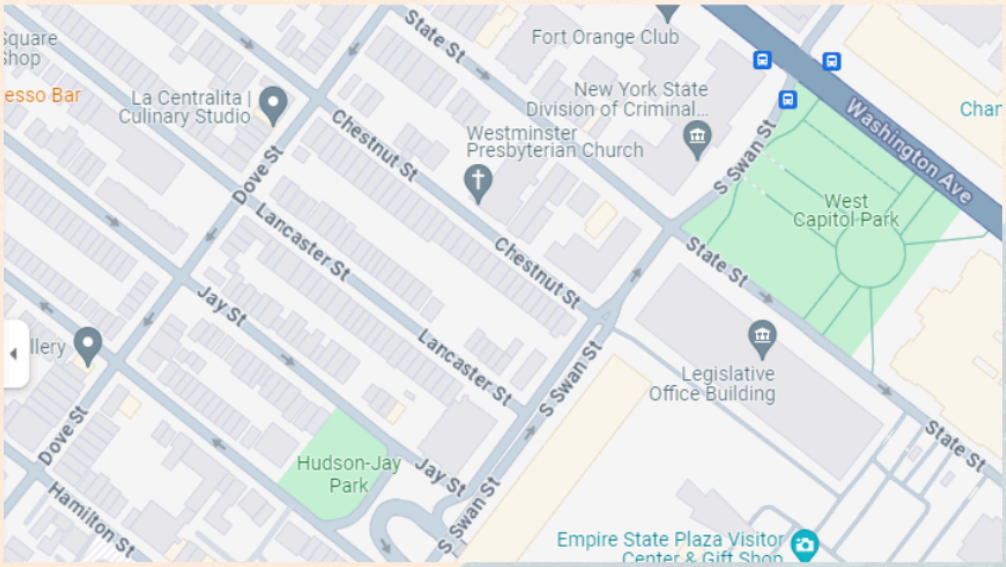
Parking: there is metered street parking surrounding the park, paid lots via the Empire Plaza Concourse and NYS Museum, and free 2-hour street parking on side streets such as Chestnut, Lancaster, Jay & Hamilton Streets.



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Terrain: West Capital Park is fairly flat with sloping levels and short grass. There are flat wide paths, stairs & stone fixtures throughout.

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Movement: There will be a marching component. The terrain will be largely smooth & slightly downhill. There are wide sidewalks to march on. The march is ~15 minutes walking one way. We will march together, spend time at the second location, and then march back together.

We are not sharing the full march route for security purposes, but if you'd like more information please contact us via @SUNYBDS on Instagram or email to SUNYBDS1@Gmail.Com

It is our legal right to gather & protest.
We keep us safe!